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Title: DEVICE FOR REGENERATING AN ION EXCHANGE CARTRIDGE

for Patents

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 14, 2001, please amend the above-identified case as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-3 without prejudice and add the following new claim:

9. A device for regenerating an ion exchange cartridge (16), which cantridge (160 is provided with an inlet (20) and an outlet (2), characterized in that the device is provided with a reservoir (2) for the accommodation of a solution (26) in which alkali metal ions and chloride ions are present, said reservoir (2) provided with an outlet (10) to which the inlet (20) of the cartridge (16) can be connected, a chamber (3), in which the cartridge (16) can